

ARKANSAS

MILK PRODUCTION REPORT



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This report contains the results from the quarterly Milk Production Survey conducted during the first part of October 2004. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted to obtain data as of October 1 for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. The data for the past ten years are also posted on our website at the Internet address above, and more detailed national report at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and telephone interview for the survey.

THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT

ARKANSAS quarterly milk production during July-September 2004, was 73 million pounds, down 8 percent from the same period in 2003, and 15 percent below the April-June 2004 quarter.

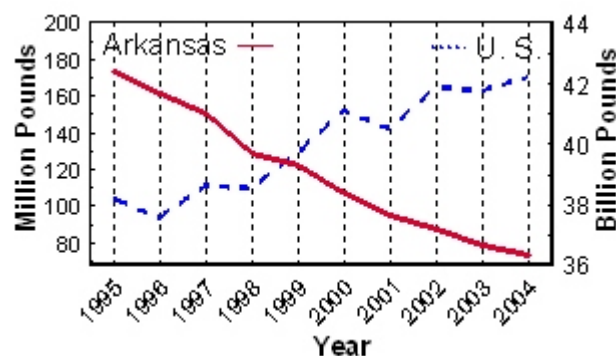
The average number of milk cows during the July-September quarter was 26,000 head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year, and down 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION BY QUARTER, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 2002-2004

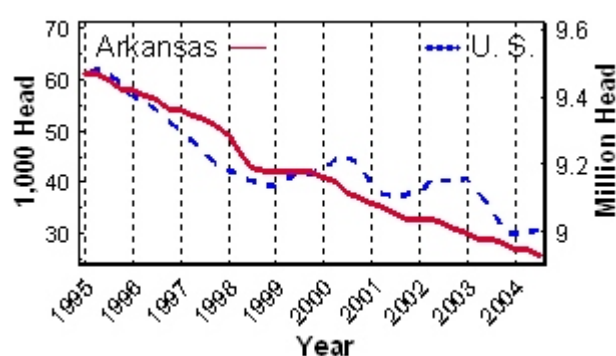
Item/Quarter	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	2002	2003	2004	% Chg. 2003-04	2002	2003	2004	% Chg. 2003-04
<i>Thousand Head</i>								
MILK COWS: 1/								
January - March	33	30	27	-10	9,113	9,144	8,990	-2
April - June	33	29	27	-7	9,148	9,109	8,998	-1
July - September	32	28	26	-7	9,154	9,073	9,033	0
October - December	31	28	-	-	9,142	9,011	-	-
<i>Million Pounds</i>								
MILK PRODUCTION: 2/								
January - March	107	96	87	-9	42,485	43,069	42,701	-1
April - June	111	97	86	-11	44,089	43,965	43,712	-1
July - September	88	79	73	-8	41,846	41,746	42,194	+1
October - December	87	80	-	-	41,643	41,532	-	-

1/ Average number includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk nursed by calves.

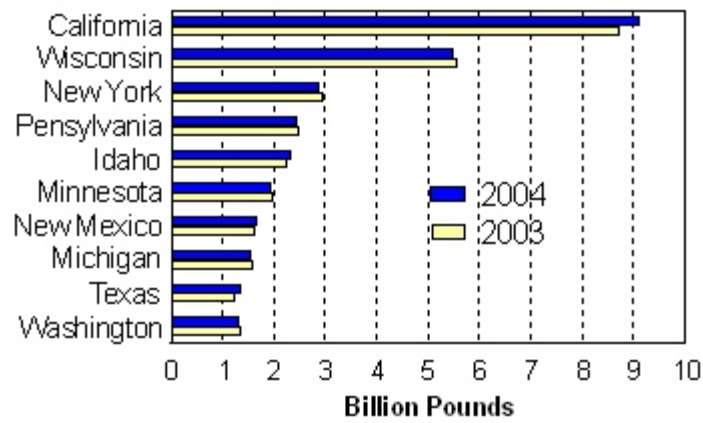
**Milk Production, July-September Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**



**Number of Milk Cows by Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004**



**July-September Milk Production
Top 10 Producing States, 2003-2004**



**July-September Milk Production
Largest Percent Change from 2003 by States**

